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PASS TO AMBASSADOR SCALI MEXICO

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PART I - NEWSPAPERS

MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS MARCH 22 PUBLISHED REPORT U. S. VETO
INSIDE. WASH POST PUBLISHED SIMONS DISPATCH PAGE 21, TWO-
COLUMN HEADLINE: " U. S. CASTS THIRD VETO, KILLING RESOLU-
TION ON PANAMA CANAL SIMONS REPORTED: " SCALI SAID HE
REGRETTED CASTING THE VETO' BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH IN THE
(RESOLUTION) WITH WHICH WE COULD AGREE BUT, HE SAID, THE
UN SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PANAMA CITY. ' THE PANAMANIAN RESOLU-
TION, IN OUR VIEW, IS UNBALANCED AND INCOMPLETE AND IS
THEREFORE SUBJECT TO SERIOUS MISINTERPRETATION', SCALI TOLD
THE SC.... THE VOTE CAME AFTER DAY- LONG NEGOTIATIONS IN
WHICH SCALI HELD TWO PRIVATE TALKS WITH PANAMA' S MILITARY
STRONG- MAN GEN. OMAR TORRIJOS AND SEVERAL TELEPHONE CON-
VERSATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.... DURING THE WEEKEND, WHEN IT
WAS STILL BELIEVED THAT CONSULTATIONS MIGHT LEAD TO AN
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AGREEMENT, A PANAMANIAN OFFICIAL CLOSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPLAINED PRIVATELY THAT PANAMA MIGHT FORCE A U. S. VETO." SIMONS SAID THAT " IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF TONIGHT' VETO WAS NOT CLEAR." SAID SCALI REITERATED THAT U. S. IS "" PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO CARRY THEM FORWARD WITH GOOD WILL AND SERIOUSNESS.'" CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS: "" UP TO THE MOMENT OF OUR DEPARTURE FOR PANAMA, WE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ASSURANCES THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE TO MAINTAIN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MODERATION AND RESTRAINT', SCALI SAID TONIGHT. ' I REGRET TO SAY THAT WHILE THIS PROVED TRUE OF THE SITUATION OUTSIDE THIS CHAMBER, IT HAS NOT BEEN TRUE OF SOME OF THE STATEMENTS HERE. THE PANAMA CANAL IS NOT A WORK OF NATURE, OR AS SOME HAVE TRIED TO PUT IT -- A " NATURAL RESOURCE", THE U. S. AMBASSADOR ADDED, ' AND THE WORKING OUT OF A NEW REGIME CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE WAVE OF A HAND OR A STROKE OF A PEN. NEVERTHELESS', SCALI SAID, ' THE U. S. DELEGATION WILL NOT BE LEAVING PANAMA IN A SPIRIT OF RANCOR. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE WILLING TO ADJUST ANY DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY AND IN A SPIRIT OF GIVE- AND- TAKE'."

NYDAILY NEWS PUBLISHED SIGALE REPORT INSIDE, TWO- COLUMN HEADLINE: " PANAMA QUESTION: U. S. CASTS ITS THIRD UN VETO." SIGALE SAID: " SCALI EXPRESSED ' REGRET' OVER HAVING TO VOTE ' NO', BUT SAID THAT ' STRENUOUS AND REPEATED EFFORTS' TO REACH A COMPROMISE WERE REJECTED BY PANAMA. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLED FOR A NEW U. S.- PANAMA TREATY ON THE CANAL-- WHICH THE U. S. SUPPORTS-- BUT IN LANGUAGE THAT SCALI CALLED ' UNBALANCED AND INCOMPLETE'. THE U. S. ENVOY PREDICTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD EVENTUALLY ' REACH AN ACCORD WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS CAN FIRMLY SUPPORT AND WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE CLOSE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES'." CONCLUDED BY EX- PLAINING WHICH CLAUSE U. S. OBJECTED TO.

BALTIMORE SUN CARRIED WIRE SERVICES STORY PAGE 5, ONE- COLUMN HEADLINE: " U. S. VETOES CANAL TREATY RESOLUTION."

WALL STREET JOURNAL HAD SHORT PARAGRAPH ON U. S. VETO ON FRONT PAGE IN " WHAT' S NEWS-- WORLD- WIDE" COLUMN. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE RAN FOUR- COLUMN HEAD- LINE: " CANAL TOLL BOOST SEEN LIKELY." MENTIONED TREATY UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATIONS, BUT NOT UNSC MEETING. NYTIMES EDITION

AVAILABLE WASHINGTON HAD NO COVERAGE.

MARCH 21 WASH STAR- NEWS RAN SIGALE DISPATCH INSIDE UNDER
HEADLINE: " PANAMA RESOLUTION FACES U. S. VETO," LEAD:
" SUPPORTERS OF A UNSC RESOLUTION BACKING PANAMA' S CLAIM TO
THE PANAMA CANAL HAD ENOUGH VOTES TODAY TO PUSH THE MEA-
SURE THROUGH." SIGALE DISCUSSED RESOLUTION AND CHANCES OF
ITS PASSAGE, POSSIBILITY OF U. S. VETO, CONCLUDED BY DES-
CRIBING SCALI' S ADDRESS TO SC AND TACK- SCALI CLASH OVER
U. S. AID. FINAL PARAGRAPH: " SCALI DEFENDED THE (AID) PRO-

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